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TITLE:

SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER COMPRISING A THIN EPITAX AL:

SILICON LAYER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO A FIRST OFFICE ACTION

ATTN: MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the First Office Action dated January 13, 2003, with the time for reply having been extended for one month, from <u>APRIL 13, 2003</u>, until <u>MAY 13, 2003</u>.

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